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	Claim 4 (original claim 12) depends on one of claims 1 to 11 (claim 11 is canceled and other claims are numbered above claim 4). Please advise.		
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RESPONSE			
No, it doesn't. It depends from claim 1, which is <u>NOT</u> canceled.			
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1. A process for producing a concentrate of denatured whey protein aggregates, the process essentially consisting of the steps that

a) an aqueous whey protein solution having a whey protein content of at most 3% by weight is heat-denatured by hot-holding at a temperature in the range from 75 to 150°C, at a pH in the range from 5.0 to 7.0 under essentially non-shearing conditions in such a manner that  $\geq 90\%$  of the whey protein are heat-denatured to form whey protein aggregates having a mean aggregate size (median) in the range from 1 to 4  $\mu\text{m}$ , and that

b) a concentration step is then carried out.

(Amended) 2. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution containing whey proteins is selected from a milk microfiltration permeate and a whey.

(Amended) 3. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when the hot-holding under essentially non-shearing conditions is carried out, a value for the shearing rate of 2000  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , preferably 1000  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , is not exceeded.

(Amended) 4. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution is a non-enriched whey.